

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for ~~comparing~~
2 facilitating the comparison of different ad landing pages, the
3 method comprising:
 - 4 a) for an ad to be served, automatically selecting one of
5 a plurality of candidate ad landing pages;
 - 6 b) automatically assembling the ad to include a link to
7 the selected ad landing page;
 - 8 c) serving the assembled ad; and
 - 9 d) tracking, ~~on a per ad landing page basis,~~ a performance
10 of the ad in combination with the automatically selected ad
11 landing page.
- 1 Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 act of automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate
3 ad landing pages is performed in a round-robin manner.
- 1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 act of automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate
3 ad landing pages is performed using a random selection function.
- 1 Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 performance of the ad in combination with the automatically
3 selected ad landing page tracked is at least one of conversion
4 per impression performance, conversion per selection
5 performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression,
6 earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.
- 1 Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising:

3 e) determining whether or not to automatically designate
4 one of the plurality of candidate ad landing pages using a
5 comparison of their respective performance and an
6 auto-designation policy; and
7 f) automatically designating the one of the plurality of
8 candidate ad landing pages if it was determined to
9 designate it.

1 Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of claim 5 wherein the
2 performance of the ad in combination with the automatically
3 selected ad landing page tracked is at least one of conversion
4 per impression performance, conversion per selection
5 performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression,
6 earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

1 Claim 7 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising:

3 e) accepting a request for performance information of the
4 ad; and
5 f) providing the per landing page performance information
6 of the ad for each of the plurality of candidate ad landing
7 pages with which the ad was served to the requester.

1 Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim 7 wherein the
2 per landing page performance information of the ad provided for
3 each of the plurality of candidate ad landing pages with which
4 the ad was served, is at least one of conversion per impression
5 performance, conversion per selection performance, sales per ad
6 selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection,
7 and earnings per ad impression.

1 Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising:

3 ~~e) g) accepting a manual ad landing page designation~~
4 ~~instruction; and~~
5 ~~f) h) designating one of the plurality of candidate ad~~
6 ~~landing pages using the manual ad landing page designation~~
7 ~~instruction.~~

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): The method of claim 9 wherein
2 the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically
3 selected ad landing page tracked is at least one of conversion
4 per impression performance, conversion per selection
5 performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression,
6 earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

1 Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising:

3 ~~e) normalizing the per ad landing page ad performance of~~
4 ~~the ad in combination with the automatically selected ad~~
5 ~~landing page to remove ad landing page independent factors~~
6 ~~that may influence the ad performance.~~

1 Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 plurality of candidate ad landing pages are different in at
3 least one of the following (A) different information, (B)
4 different products offered for sale, (C) different services
5 offered for sale, (D) different product prices, (E) different
6 service prices, (F) different formatting, and (G) different
7 shipping charges.

1 Claim 13 (currently amended): A method for ~~comparing~~
2 facilitating the comparison of different {ad landing page, ad
3 creative} combinations, the method comprising:
4 a) for an ad to be served, automatically selecting one of
5 a plurality of candidate {ad landing page, ad creative}
6 combinations, at least some of the combinations including
7 different ad landing pages;
8 b) automatically assembling the ad to include the selected
9 ad creative and the selected ad landing page of the
10 selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combination;
11 c) serving the assembled ad; and
12 d) tracking, ~~on a per {ad landing page, ad creative}~~
13 ~~combination basis,~~ a performance of the ad in combination
14 with the automatically selected {ad landing page, ad
15 creative} combinations.

1 Claim 14 (currently amended): The method of claim 13 wherein
2 the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically
3 selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations tracked is
4 at least one of conversion performance, sales per ad selection,
5 sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings
6 per ad impression.

1 Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 13 wherein the
2 plurality of candidate ad landing pages are different in at
3 least one of the following (A) different information, (B)
4 different products offered for sale, (C) different services
5 offered for sale, (D) different product prices, (E) different
6 service prices, (F) different formatting, and (G) different
7 shipping charges.

1 Claim 16 (currently amended): A method for ~~comparing~~
2 facilitating the comparison of different {ad landing page, ad
3 serving criteria} combinations, the method comprising:

- 4 a) for an ad to be served, automatically selecting one of
5 a plurality of candidate {ad landing page, ad serving
6 criteria} combinations, at least some of the combinations
7 including different ad landing pages;
- 8 b) automatically assembling the ad to include the selected
9 ad landing page of the selected {ad landing page, ad
10 serving criteria} combination;
- 11 c) serving the assembled ad; and
- 12 d) tracking, ~~on a per {ad landing page, ad serving~~
13 ~~criteria} combination basis,~~ a performance of the ad in
14 combination with the automatically selected {ad landing
15 page, ad serving criteria} combination.

1 Claim 17 (currently amended): The method of claim 16 wherein
2 the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically
3 selected {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combination
4 tracked is at least one of conversion performance, sales per ad
5 selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection,
6 and earnings per ad impression.

1 Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 16 wherein the
2 plurality of candidate ad landing pages are different in at
3 least one of the following (A) different information, (B)
4 different products offered for sale, (C) different services
5 offered for sale, (D) different product prices, (E) different
6 service prices, (F) different formatting, and (G) different
7 shipping charges.

1 Claim 19 (currently amended): A method for ~~comparing~~
2 facilitating the comparison of different types of ad landing
3 pages, the method comprising:
4 a) for an ad to be served, automatically selecting one of
5 a plurality of candidate ad landing pages, wherein each of
6 the plurality of candidate ad landing pages has a different
7 type;
8 b) automatically assembling the ad to include the selected
9 ad landing page;
10 c) serving the assembled ad; and
11 d) tracking, ~~on a per ad landing page basis,~~ a
12 performance of a set of ads in combination with the type of
13 automatically selected ad landing page.

1 Claim 20 (original): The method of claim 19 wherein the
2 different types of ad landing pages have different formatting
3 styles.

Claims 21-27 (canceled)

1 Claim 28 (currently amended): Apparatus for ~~comparing~~
2 facilitating the comparison of different ad landing pages, the
3 apparatus comprising:
4 a) means for automatically selecting one of a plurality of
5 candidate ad landing pages for an ad to be served;
6 b) means for automatically assembling the ad to include a
7 link to the selected ad landing page;
8 c) means for serving the assembled ad; and
9 d) means for tracking, ~~on a per ad landing page basis,~~ a
10 performance of the ad in combination with the automatically
11 selected ad landing page.

1 Claim 29 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 28 wherein
2 the means for automatically selecting one of a plurality of
3 candidate ad landing pages performs the selection in a
4 round-robin manner.

1 Claim 30 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 28 wherein
2 the means for automatically selecting one of a plurality of
3 candidate ad landing pages performs the selection using a random
4 selection function.

1 Claim 31 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 28
2 wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the
3 automatically selected ad landing page tracked is at least one
4 of conversion per impression performance, conversion per
5 selection performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad
6 impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad
7 impression.

1 Claim 32 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 28 further
2 comprising:

3 e) means for determining whether or not to automatically
4 designate one of the plurality of candidate ad landing
5 pages using a comparison of their respective performance
6 and an auto-designation policy; and
7 f) means for automatically designating the one of the
8 plurality of candidate ad landing pages if it was
9 determined to designate it.

1 Claim 33 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 32
2 wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the
3 automatically selected ad landing page tracked is at least one
4 of conversion per impression performance, conversion per

5 selection performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad
6 impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad
7 impression.

1 Claim 34 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 28 further
2 comprising:

3 e) means for accepting a request for performance
4 information of the ad; and
5 f) means for providing the ~~per landing page~~ performance
6 information of the ad for each of the plurality of
7 candidate ad landing pages with which the ad was served to
8 the requester.

1 Claim 35 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 34
2 wherein the ~~per landing page~~ performance information of the ad
3 provided for each of the plurality of candidate ad landing pages
4 with which the ad was served, is at least one of conversion per
5 impression performance, conversion per selection performance,
6 sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad
7 selection, and earnings per ad impression.

1 Claim 36 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 28 34
2 further comprising:

3 e) g) means for accepting a manual ad landing page
4 designation instruction; and
5 f) h) means for designating one of the plurality of
6 candidate ad landing pages using the manual ad landing page
7 designation instruction.

1 Claim 37 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 36
2 wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the
3 automatically selected ad landing page tracked is at least one

4 of conversion per impression performance, conversion per
5 selection performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad
6 impression; earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad
7 impression.

1 Claim 38 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 28 further
2 comprising:

3 e) means for normalizing the ~~per ad landing page ad~~
4 performance of the ad in combination with the automatically
5 selected ad landing page to remove ad landing page
6 independent factors that may influence the ad performance.

1 Claim 39 (original): The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the
2 plurality of candidate ad landing pages are different in at
3 least one of the following (A) different information, (B)
4 different products offered for sale, (C) different services
5 offered for sale, (D) different product prices, (E) different
6 service prices, (F) different formatting, and (G) different
7 shipping charges.

1 Claim 40 (currently amended): Apparatus for ~~comparing~~
2 facilitating the comparison of different {ad landing page, ad
3 creative} combinations, the apparatus comprising:

4 a) means for automatically selecting one of a plurality of
5 candidate {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations for
6 an ad to be served, at least some of the combinations
7 including different ad landing pages;
8 b) means for automatically assembling the ad to include
9 the selected ad creative and the selected ad landing page
10 of the selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combination;
11 c) means for serving the assembled ad; and

12 d) means for tracking, on a per {ad landing page, ad
13 creative} combination basis, a performance of the ad in
14 combination with the automatically selected {ad landing
15 page, ad creative} combinations.

1 Claim 41 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 40 wherein
2 the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically
3 selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations tracked is
4 at least one of conversion performance, sales per ad selection,
5 sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings
6 per ad impression.

1 Claim 42 (original): The apparatus of claim 40 wherein the
2 plurality of candidate ad landing pages are different in at
3 least one of the following (A) different information, (B)
4 different products offered for sale, (C) different services
5 offered for sale, (D) different product prices, (E) different
6 service prices, (F) different formatting, and (G) different
7 shipping charges.

1 Claim 43 (currently amended): Apparatus for comparing
2 facilitating the comparison of different {ad landing page, ad
3 serving criteria} combinations, the apparatus comprising:

- 4 a) means for automatically selecting one of a plurality of
5 candidate {ad landing page, ad serving criteria}
6 combinations for an ad to be served, at least some of the
7 combinations including different ad landing pages;
- 8 b) means for automatically assembling the ad to include
9 the selected ad landing page of the selected {ad landing
10 page, ad serving criteria} combination;
- 11 c) means for serving the assembled ad; and

12 d) means for tracking, on a per {ad landing page, ad
13 serving criteria} combination basis, a performance of the
14 ad in combination with the automatically selected {ad
15 landing page, ad serving criteria} combination.

1 Claim 44 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 43 wherein
2 the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically
3 selected {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combination
4 tracked is at least one of conversion performance, sales per ad
5 selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection,
6 and earnings per ad impression.

1 Claim 45 (original): The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the
2 plurality of candidate ad landing pages are different in at
3 least one of the following (A) different information, (B)
4 different products offered for sale, (C) different services
5 offered for sale, (D) different product prices, (E) different
6 service prices, (F) different formatting, and (G) different
7 shipping charges.

1 Claim 46 (currently amended): Apparatus for comparing
2 facilitating the comparison of different types of ad landing
3 pages, the apparatus comprising:

- 4 a) means for automatically selecting one of a plurality of
5 candidate ad landing pages, wherein each of the plurality
6 of candidate ad landing pages has a different type, for an
7 ad to be served;
- 8 b) means for automatically assembling the ad to include
9 the selected ad landing page;
- 10 c) means for serving the assembled ad; and

11 d) means for tracking, ~~on a per ad landing page type~~
12 basis, a performance of a set of ads in combination with
13 the type of the automatically selected ad landing page.

1 Claim 47 (original): The apparatus of claim 46 wherein the
2 different types of ad landing pages have different formatting
3 styles.

Claims 48-54 (canceled)

1 Claim 55 (new): A method for facilitating the comparison of at
2 least two different ad landing pages, the method comprising:

- 3 a) for an ad to be served at a first time
 - 4 i) automatically selecting a first ad landing page
 - 5 from a plurality of candidate ad landing pages, and
 - 6 ii) serving an instance of the ad with a link to the
 - 7 first ad landing page;
- 8 b) for the ad to be served a second time
 - 9 i) automatically selecting a second ad landing
 - 10 page, different from the previously selected first ad
 - 11 landing page, from the plurality of candidate ad
 - 12 landing pages, and
 - 13 ii) serving an instance of the ad with a link to the
 - 14 second ad landing page;
- 15 c) tracking the performance of instances of the ad having a
- 16 link to the first ad landing page; and
- 17 d) tracking the performance of instances of the ad having a
- 18 link to the second ad landing page.

1 Claim 56 (new): Apparatus for facilitating the comparison of at
2 least two different ad landing pages, the apparatus comprising:
3 a) means for automatically selecting

- 4 i) for an ad to be served at a first time, a first ad
- 5 landing page from a plurality of candidate ad landing
- 6 pages, and
- 7 ii) for the ad to be served a second time, a second ad
- 8 landing page, different from the previously selected
- 9 first ad landing page, from the plurality of candidate
- 10 ad landing pages;
- 11 b) means for serving
 - 12 i) an instance of the ad with a link to the first ad
 - 13 landing page, and
 - 14 ii) an instance of the ad with a link to the second
 - 15 ad landing page; and
- 16 c) means for separately tracking the performance of
 - 17 i) instances of the ad having a link to the first ad
 - 18 landing page, and
 - 19 ii) instances of the ad having a link to the second
 - 20 ad landing page.